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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, PINT, SHUM, US, UR (VINS, PETER)
SUBJECT: ARREST OF PETER VINS AND HARASSMENT OF VINS FAMILY

1. PETER VINS, SON OF IMPRISONED UKRANIAN DISSIDENT
BAPTIST LEADER, GEORGIY VINS, WAS ARRESTED DECEMBER 8,
1977, AT THE KIEV RAILWAY STATION BY THREE MEN IN
CIVILIAN CLOTHES, ACCORDING TO HIS MOTHER WHO VISITED
KIEV ADVANCE PARTY OFFICES DECEMBER 13. FRIENDS
AND RELATIVES WHO INQUIRED AT THE RAILWAY STATION
MILITIA OFFICE FOLLOWING ARREST WERE TOLD THAT VINS,
WHO WAS PREPARING TO TRAVEL TO MOSCOW, HAD
BEEN ARRESTED FOR HOOLIGANISM. VINS REPORTEDLY IS
BEING DETAINED AT KIEV KGB HEADQUARTERS. FAMILY HAS
BEEN DENIED ACCESS AND HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DELIVER
WARM CLOTHES.

2. THE KGB SEARCHED THE VINS FAMILY HOME ON
DECEMBER 12, 1977. FORTY COPIES OF THE BIBLE WERE
CONFISCATED AS "ILLEGAL LITERATURE", AS WERE COPIES
OF RELIGIOUS PAMPHLETS.
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3. IN VISIT TO KAP OFFICE, VIN'S MOTHER, AND ACCOMPANYING
YOUNGER BROTHER AND SISTER, WERE VISIBLY
DISTRAUGHT BOTH AT HARASSMENT AND IN FEAR THAT VINS
WOULD BE BEATEN. FAMILY STATED NORMAL PUNISHMENT
FOR FIRST OFFENSE OF HOOLIGANISM IS A WARNING, ALTHOUGH
MAXIMUM IS FIFTEEN DAYS DETENTION. FAMILY BELIEVES

ANY DETENTION IS EXCESSIVE AS VINS WAS ALONE AT
TIME OF ARREST; ACCORDING TO FAMILY, HE IS QUIET
RESERVED INDIVIDUAL NOT CAPABLE OF "HOOLIGANISM."
FAMILY INDICATED THEY WOULD PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION
TO KAP AS SOON AS THERE ARE ANY DEVELOPMENTS.
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